

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 919

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A RESOLUTION to honor Marion Elizabeth Scoggins, 1998  
Valedictorian of Columbia Academy.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Marion Scoggins is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as valedictorian of the 1998 graduating class at Columbia Academy; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Marion Scoggins has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in her laudable high school career, Marion has earned an exceptional 99.6 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her singular distinction as 1998 valedictorian of Columbia Academy, Marion was also the top academic student during her sophomore and junior years; and

WHEREAS, as a junior, Marion received the Award of Distinction for participating in the Maury County U.S. Constitution Contest, the 1996 Woodmen of the World American History Award, the 1996 Xerox Award for Humanities in Social Services and was honored to serve as a representative to Volunteer Girls State, where she was elected County Commissioner and State House Representative; and

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WHEREAS, during her exemplary senior year, she was selected 1997 Maury County Good Citizen by the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Marion has demonstrated her ongoing commitment to civic involvement and good citizenship as a valuable member of the National Honor Society, serving as Chapter President in 1998, the Junior Civitan Club, serving astutely as Public Relations Coordinator in 1997 and Valley District Governor in 1998, and the Mock Trial Team, being named the Best Lawyer in Preliminary Competition in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Marion also generously contributes her time and talents to numerous worthwhile civic and charitable causes, including the Headstart Christmas Party, the Columbia Academy Campus Beautification Project and Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, a lively and vivacious young lady, Marion has excelled as a Columbia Academy cheerleader for three years; she participated in the TSSAA State Cheerleading Championship in 1996 and was honored as an All-Star Cheerleader by the Universal Cheerleaders Association in 1996 and 1997; and

WHEREAS, this stellar scholar and exceptionally well-rounded young lady will be attending The University of the South at Sewanee this fall; and

WHEREAS, Marion's receipt of this most prestigious academic honor continues a proud family tradition, as her esteemed reign as valedictorian succeeds her brother's: Matthew Scoggins was the 1997 Valedictorian at Columbia Academy; and

WHEREAS, Marion's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Marion's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Marion's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 1998 Columbia Academy Valedictorian, Marion Scoggins, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.